

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 4422 and Form 15056.

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995(PRA). The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 4422, Application for Certificate Discharging Property Subject to Estate Tax Lien and Form 15056, Escrow Agreement for Estates.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia,
Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue
NW, Washington, DC 20224 or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov.
Please reference the information collection's "OMB number 15450328" in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Sara Covington at Internal Revenue Service, room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or at (202)317-5744, or through the internet at Sara.L.Covington@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: Form 4422- Application for Certificate Discharging Property Subject to Estate Tax Lien and Form 15056- Escrow Agreement for Estates.

OMB Number: 1545-0328.

Form Numbers: 4422 and 15056.

Abstract: Form 4422 is completed by either an executor, administrator, or other interested party for requesting release of any or all property of an estate from the Estate Tax Lien. Form 15056 is a contractual agreement between three parties (the IRS, Taxpayer, and Escrow agent) to hold funds from property sales subject to the federal estate tax lien. The only information it requires is a quarterly statement reflecting the balance in the escrow account as proof that the funds are being held in accordance with the agreement.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the forms at this time. However, the estimated number of responses are decreased due to the most current filing data.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, farms, Federal Government, State, local, or Tribal Gov't.

Form 4422:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 500.

Form 15056:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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